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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants wish to call the attention of the Examiner to the following references:

U.S. PATENT(S) :

<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Patentee</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>
4,295,128	Hashemian et al.	Oct. 13, 1981
4,755,884	Efron et al.	Jul. 5, 1988
5,940,124	Janko et al.	Aug. 17, 1999
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<http://www.acad.bg/wise/english/rd/partners/acts/area1/ac122-5.thml>.

The references listed above are relevant because they were cited by the International Examiner in the Search Report dated June 19, 2001 (copy enclosed) of Applicants' counterpart international patent application no. PCT/US01/09305 (MPEP §2001.06(a)).

Copies of the above-listed references are enclosed, together with a completed form PTO-1449.

Consideration of these references by the Examiner is respectfully requested. To date, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application. This Information Disclosure Statement is therefore believed to be timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,



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